

Welcome to Bedford Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us today.

We envision a church worshipping with joy, loving each other with compassion and reaching out to the world with grace and justice.

Worshipping with Joy

In person at 10 a.m. Sunday morning. Also livestreamed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O2kabbAdGys>

Downstairs

There is Children's Church for children between the ages of 3 to 10. There is also a nursery and a separate room for nursing mothers.

Check out our updated website: bedfordpca.org

Prayer before worship: 9:45

Christmas Eve Service: 5pm

Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible study**—on break until January
- **Men's Bible study**—7:15 p.m. Wednesdays at the home of Nathan Priddle
- **ISMC study groups** are meeting—contact Will or Chi Perrie.
- **Women's Bible Study** on break until January

Pray for:

- the missionaries we support
- Helen Lau undergoing radiation for cancer
- Christ Church Halifax (Michael and Brittney Chhangur)
- Harbour Light Church
- Kevin Burrell's family mourning his passing
- persecuted Christians throughout the world
- Israel
- the attack on Ukraine to end
- Evangelism
- Family of the week: Will and Chi Perrie

Officers of the Church

Elders

Bill Radford—Pastor
Peter Bustin
Reid Campbell
Will Perrie
Glenn Wadden

Pastor Emeritus

Don Codling

Deacons

David Campbell
Honza Pokorny
Edward Woolley

Electronic giving: You can give electronically by sending an Interac e-transfer to bedfordpca@gmail.com



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Bedford Presbyterian Church

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Reflections

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

The Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child. The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets. Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as this truth of the Incarnation.

J.I. Packer

If He is divine, then there's nothing He can't do. There's no one He can't heal. There's nothing He can't forgive. There's nothing He can't ask of you and there's nothing that we shouldn't give up in order to follow Him.

Kevin DeYoung

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Call to Worship *from Isaiah 60*

Minister: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

People: And the glory of the LORD rises upon us.

Minister: See, darkness covers the earth

People: And thick darkness is over the peoples,

Minister: but the LORD rises upon you

People: and his glory appears over us.

Minister: The sun will no more be your light by day,
nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you,

**People: for the LORD will be our everlasting light,
and our God will be our glory.**

* **Song of Praise:** Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Old Testament Reading: *Ezekiel 34:11-18*

Call to Repentance: *John 15:7*

Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Song of Reflection

Psalm 23

Confession of Sin

O Lord, we have not longed for your coming and your kingdom as we ought. Instead, clinging to the things of this world and counting them dear, we have grown callous to needs of the poor and downtrodden, the lonely and the suffering. We have not cried out for justice as we should. Nor have we cared about those who are without Christ and without hope in this world. We have been silent when we could have spoken and have lacked boldness in our witness. Lord, forgive us for our offenses. And grant that by the power of your Spirit we might live in light of your coming again. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness: *Colossians 1:13-14*

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Songs of Renewal:

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

New Testament Reading: *John 10:1-18*

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Doxology

Gospel Reading: *John 10:19-42*

Sermon: Jesus, the Good Shepherd

Pastor Bill Radford

Closing Hymn: To God be the Glory

Benediction

Dismissal

Minister: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Jesus, the Good Shepherd